

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION
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DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. R3-2014-0054

**APPROVING THE 2014 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR THE CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN**

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (hereafter Central Coast Water Board), finds:

1. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan) was adopted on March 14, 1975 and has been amended since that date.
2. The Basin Plan establishes beneficial uses to be protected, water quality objectives, and a program of implementation needed for achieving water quality objectives for the waters within the Central Coast Region.
3. Section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act requires that water quality standards be reviewed and revised, if appropriate, on a triennial basis, and Section 13240 of the California Water Code requires basin plans to be periodically reviewed and allows for their revision.
4. The Central Coast Water Board and its staff implemented the 2014 Triennial Review of the Basin Plan by performing the following:
 - a. Reviewing the Basin Plan, the past Triennial Review (2009) priority list, and soliciting issues from Central Coast Water Board staff to develop a preliminary list of Basin Planning issues;
 - b. Sending letters to the Region's Basin Plan electronic mailing list for Triennial Review, with a list of preliminary Basin Planning issues for public comment;
 - c. Making the preliminary list of Basin Planning issues, and a staff report explaining the issues and the Triennial Review Process, available to the public on the Central Coast Water Board's internet web page from July 30, 2014 until September 15, 2014;
 - d. Noticing and conducting a public workshop meeting on August 25, 2014 in San Luis Obispo;
 - e. Responding to public comments that were received during the designated period; and
 - f. Revising and prioritizing the list of Basin Planning issues based on the public comments and evaluation of the issues by assigning a numeric score based on the following ranking criteria: vision alignment, water quality standards improvement, effectiveness, and public interest.

5. As a result of the triennial review process, Central Coast Water Board staff identified the priority issues list shown in Attachment 1a.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Central Coast Water Board, in fulfillment of the requirements of Section 303(c) of the federal Clean Water Act and Section 13240 of the California Water Code, has done the following:

1. Concluded the 2014 triennial review of the Basin Plan;
2. Approved the 2014 Priority List of Issues to be Evaluated as Basin Plan Amendments (Attachment 1a) with acknowledgement that this list does not preclude other Basin Plan revisions which may become necessary before the next scheduled triennial review; and
3. Affirmed that those portions of the Basin Plan which were not revised as a part of this update process are adequate at this time.

I, Kenneth A. Harris, Jr., Executive Officer of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, on November 13, 2014.

Executive Officer

Attachment 1a: 2014 Priority List of Issues to be Evaluated as Basin Plan Amendments

ATTACHMENT 1a

2014 Priority List of Issues to be Evaluated as Basin Plan Amendments

Priority	Score	Issue	Description	Est. Resource Needs (PY)
1	17	Watershed and Integrated Water Resource Protection	Amend the Basin Plan to develop authority to address the highest priority activities and factors that affect waters. Amendments will focus on achieving preservation and restoration of watershed processes through implementation of integrated water resource management planning. These amendments and follow-up actions may include prohibitions, beneficial use definitions, water quality objectives, implementation, policies, permit terms, guidelines, and incentives.	1.5
2	16	Designation of Beneficial Uses	Evaluate adequacy of existing Basin Plan beneficial use designations for specific surface waterbodies and for waterbodies not named in Tables 2-1 or 2-2. Clarify the designation of groundwater beneficial uses. Establish a tributary rule.	1.0
3	15	Revision of Water Quality Objectives for Specific Waterbodies	In coordination with groundwater management and other water resources agencies, revise water quality objectives (for chloride, sulfate, boron, sodium, nitrate, and total dissolved solids) in surface waters (Table 3-7) and groundwaters (Table 3-8) based on historical data using statistically-defensible methods. Link these objectives to specific beneficial uses, such as municipal and domestic supply (MUN).	1.0
4	15	Ocean Protection	Amend the Basin Plan to develop the authority to adequately address all relevant factors and activities that contribute to ocean water quality. Strengthen existing water quality standards in the Basin Plan for marine and estuarine waters by developing water quality objectives (for pH, nutrients, carbonate chemistry parameters, total alkalinity, or dissolved inorganic carbon) and by designating additional beneficial uses for sensitive coastal waters.	1.5
5	14	Aquatic Life Protection	Adopt numeric water quality objectives for several Basin Plan narrative water quality objectives, including turbidity and toxicity, which protect aquatic life beneficial uses.	0.6
6	12	Vision Framework	Formally incorporate the Central Coast Water Board's Vision of Healthy Watersheds into the Basin Plan.	0.1
7	11	Waste Discharge Prohibitions	Add enforceable language to the Basin Plan to prohibit the discharge of wastes to land and the discharge of pollutants or dredged or fill materials to state waters.	0.4
8	10	Groundwater Basin Configurations Update	Update groundwater basin configurations in Basin Plan Table 2-3 and Figure 2-2 using the 2003 Department of Water Resources Bulletin No.118 and other sources.	0.1
9	9	Comprehensive Basin Plan Editorial Revisions	Revise and eliminate outdated paragraphs, tables, figures, references to outdated Policies, and appendices in the Basin Plan.	0.5